GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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SGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether benefits meant for the poorest of the rural poor under SGSY were beingpocketed by the unscrupulous than reaching the poorest;

(b) whether the Standing Committee on Urban and Rural Development (2002) intheir 31st Report on page 17 at para 3.19 has made some recommendations regarding strengthening of the monitoring mechanism;

(c) if so, whether the Government have evaluated those recommendations and implemented any one of them;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the time by which these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The Ministry of Rural Development are directing special emphasis to themonitoring and evaluation of the SGSY. A detailed system of monitoring of the programme has been prescribed which is as follows:

- At the Central level, a Central Level Coordination Committee (CLCC) monitorsand reviews the implementation of the scheme and suggests policy guidelines. - At the State level, a State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) monitors theprogramme in each State. - The progress under the programme is monitored (on monthly and annual basis) byobtaining reports and returns from all the DRDAs and the State authorities.Detailed monitoring formats for reporting progress have been circulated to all the States/UTs. - Implementation of the Programme is also reviewed periodic meetings, including with the State Secretaries (Rural Development). - At the Block/DRDA level monitoring is effected through field visits and physical verification of assets by the District and State Officers, as also the Area Officers of Ministry of Rural Development. - The Ministry undertakes Concurrent Evaluation Studies with the help of reputed(and independent) Research Institutions to assess the impact of the Scheme; theshortcomings noticed are looked into expeditiously and remedial measures initiated.